

**Amendments to the specification:**

Please amend page 2, line 4, as shown below:

“retaining system may be configured to easily accommodate variations in retaining member”

Please amend page 7, line 7, as shown below:

“preferable that the opening faces the cargo, as shown previously in Fig. 1. Fasteners 38 may”

Please amend the abstract on page 19, as shown below:

“An adjustable cargo retaining system. ~~The system includes~~ including a retaining member that is received by a retaining member support. ~~, and a~~ A removable spacer ~~that urges~~ the retaining member against the retaining member support.”